

THE NORTHWEST SEAPORT ALLIANCE/PORT OF TACOMA

NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBTAIN CUSTODY OF VESSEL

Washington Registration UNKNOWN, “Vessel” Purportedly a Pleasure Vessel and 23’ length

The Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA) as agent for the Port of Tacoma (Port) declared the vessel, with Washington registration UNKNOWN, purportedly a Glastron and 23’ length, as derelict, abandoned, or both. The vessel is an approximately 23’ length recreational vessel left on Port property located 1675 Lincoln Ave., Tacoma, WA 98421 (near Puyallup River Boat Launch).

The NWSA, acting as an authorized public entity with the authority granted in RCW 79.100, intends to take custody of the vessel on **July 18, 2022**. After taking custody of the vessel, the Port may use or dispose of it without further notice to the owner.

In order to keep the vessel, before the Custody Date, the owner must:

- Move it to an anchorage area, moorage facility, or storage location that authorizes the vessel. Repay the NWSA for all charges incurred in securing the vessel and administrative costs associated with this action under RCW Ch. 79.100.

If the owner wants to reclaim the vessel after the NWSA has custody or wants to challenge the NWSA’s decision to take custody, the owner must file a written appeal with the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) and serve a copy on the NWSA. Addresses are in the boxes below:

Pollution Control Hearings Board (send one original and one copy) Physical address: 1111 Israel Road, Ste 301 Tumwater, WA 98501 Mailing address: PO Box 40903 Olympia, WA 98504-0903 Phone: 360-664-9160	Entity Name Northwest Seaport Alliance Attn: Real Estate Dept. 1 Sitcum Way Tacoma, WA 98421
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The appeal must include the following information.

- A copy of this notice or a copy of the notification letter to the owner.
- Your name and address (mailing and legal, if different) and, if applicable, the name and address of your representative.
- A daytime phone number.
- A brief statement why you are appealing.
- A statement of what you want the Pollution Control Hearings Board to do.
- Your signature or that of your representative. This signature certifies that the content of the appeal is true.

See WAC Ch. 371-08, [Derelict Vessel Regulations](#) and or call the PCHB at the number above with appeal questions. The owner may submit the appeal immediately, but the PCHB must receive it no later than August 18, 2022. The owner waives the right to a hearing if the PCHB does not receive an appeal on or before the Appeal Date. The owner is then liable for any costs incurred by Entity in responding to the vessel. The Owner must comply with particular and certain deadlines and other formal guidelines set forth in Washington State law and Rules. If

the Owner does not understand the appeal process, then the Owner should seek legal counsel immediately. NWSA staff cannot provide you any legal advice.

The owner may be liable for any costs incurred by the NWSA in responding to the vessel.

These costs may include all administrative costs incurred by the NWSA, removal and disposal costs, and costs associated with environmental damages directly or indirectly caused by the vessel. If there is a lawsuit, the successful party may receive reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. The NWSA also may pursue any other remedies available under law.

For more information, contact Curt Stoner at the NWSA at 253.592.6768 if you would like to discuss your situation at the NWSA.